



PROCLAMATION

Clarkston Loves Refugees

WHEREAS, The United States has historically welcomed over 3 million refugees, with an average of around 2,000 refugees resettling in Georgia annually, where state and local governments, non-profit agencies, faith-based organizations, and citizens embrace and welcome these new Americans and help them become members of Georgia's communities; and,

WHEREAS, More than 65% of refugees in Georgia resettle in DeKalb County with the greatest number finding a home in the city of Clarkston, where they invest financial and material resources; and,

WHEREAS, Over 60 languages are spoken in Clarkston and 31.8% of Clarkston's population is foreign born and have enriched the lives of the citizens of this community and given hope to those who had none; and,

WHEREAS, Refugees and immigrants in Clarkston open businesses, lease apartments and own homes, build and maintain places of worship, and generally contribute to our sense of home and identity; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Clarkston encourages residents to welcome refugees today and all days into their community and to celebrate the diversity that makes our city thrive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, WE the Clarkston City Council and Mayor, on behalf of the City of Clarkston and its more than 13,000 residents, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2018, as "Clarkston Loves Refugees Day" in the City of Clarkston.

DATED this 6th Day February, 2018.

Ted Terry, Mayor

Jamie Carroll, Councilmember

Awet Eyasu, Vice-Mayor

Ahmed Hassan, Councilmember

YT Bell, Councilmember

Mario Williams, Councilmember

Andrea Cervone, Councilmember

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

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